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67067-002**REMARKS**

Applicant hereby presents this response in coordination with a RCE. Claims 1-5, 8, and 9 have been amended. Claims 6, 7, and 10-18 are cancelled. New dependent claims 19-27 and new claims 28-34 recite further features of the present invention that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the previously cited references and are thus properly allowable.

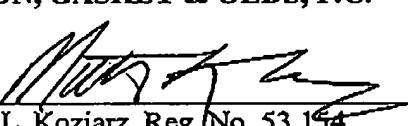
The Examiner previously rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Allen, Fuchigami, and Payne*. Amended claim 1 recites a temporary storage portion adjacent to the door that holds a desired quantity of construction articles. The door is defined at least partially along a longitudinal length of a lockable storage chest and selectively dispenses the desired quantity of construction articles. *Allen* and *Payne* address automated feeding of a *single* drill section into alignment along a drilling axis, and do not disclose a temporary storage portion for holding a desired *quantity* of construction articles.

Fuchigami addresses the moving of cigarettes from a supply hopper to a guide chute for various automated measurements of the cigarettes and also does not disclose a temporary storage portion for holding a quantity of construction articles that are dispensed from a *lockable* storage chest. Accordingly, claim 1 is properly allowable.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for the additional fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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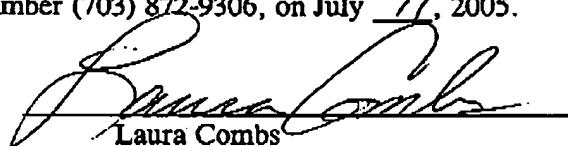
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